

REMARKS

The Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's Notice of Allowance with appreciation. Claims 31-60 remain pending in the application. On final review of the application and allowed claims, the applicant identified several typographical errors in the disclosure and claims and takes this opportunity in filing a Request for Continued Examination to correct these typographical errors. Support for correcting the genus name of the plant from which Sinomenine was originally isolated may be found in the attached J. Chem. Soc. (C), 929 (1968) Reference, as well as the Combined Chemical Dictionary, Chapman & Hall/CRC, at page 132 (1982), which references are also listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A & B. The spelling of *Sinomenium* has been corrected throughout the specification.

Similarly, the applicants note that the stereochemistry at the 14-H of Sinomenine and derivatives has been corrected through the Specification and in formula (I') of amended Claim 52. It is respectfully submitted that this indeed is the correction of an obvious typographic error, as the structures with a 14 β -H are impossible to be constructed. It should be noted that sinomenine and related compounds contain a 14 α -H, as also becomes immediately evident from the disclosure of the submitted Chemical Dictionary page.

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Accordingly, entry of present amendment and passage of this application to issue are all hereby respectfully solicited.

It should be apparent that the undersigned agent has made an earnest effort to place this application into condition for immediate allowance. If she can be of assistance to the Examiner in the elimination of any possibly-outstanding insignificant impediment to an immediate allowance, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call her at her below-listed number for such purpose.

Allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY FURTHER OR ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED (DUE TO OMISSION, DEFICIENCY, OR OTHERWISE), OR TO CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT, TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 08,3220.